



September 17, 2023
16th Sunday after Pentecost
10:45 a.m.

Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.

We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

Stephen Gabrielsen (contemporary)

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT

Sing Praise

Ruth Elaine Schram (b. 1956)

WELCOME

Diane Maloney

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

ONE: People of God, bless the Lord.

ALL: Let us bless God's holy name.

ONE: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

ALL: so great is God's steadfast love for us.

ONE: People of God, come and sing God's praise.

ALL: Let us worship and sing God's holy name.

*** HYMN 673**

Jesus, Light of Joy

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Chuck Hobbie

ONE: As loving parents have compassion for their children, God has compassion for us. Confident in God's love, let us confess our sins.

ALL: **Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony with our siblings. We have been self-righteous in our attitudes, closed-minded in our beliefs, and judgmental in our opinions. We have shunned those whose ways we do not understand, and we have despised those who do not endorse our convictions. Forgive our sins of discord and conceit, and heal our divisiveness and quarreling. Help us to be charitable in our regard for others that we may dwell in peace with Christ our Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Personal Prayer in Silence

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

ALL: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

* SING GLORY TO GOD

The musical score is written for a single voice in G major and 12/8 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first three staves are in 12/8 time, and the fourth staff is in 7/8 time. The lyrics are: "1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men."

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008

MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008

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GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*** PASSING THE PEACE**

Yena Hwang

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

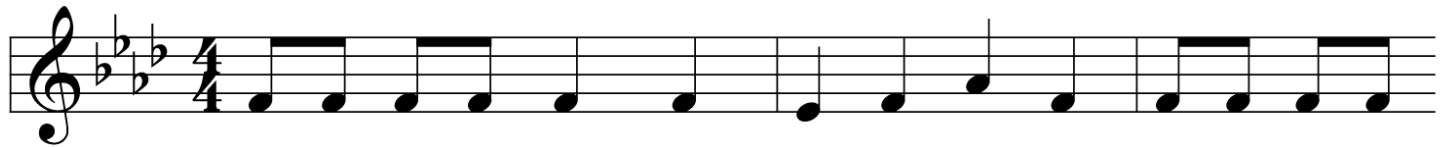
ALL: And also with you.

Children ages 4 through grade 3 are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in room 59.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken



Lis - ten to the word that God has spo - ken; lis - ten to the



One who is close at hand; lis - ten to the voice that be -



gan cre - a - tion; lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

TEXT: Anon. Canadian, alt.
MUSIC: Anon. Canadian; adapt. *Church Hymnary, 4th Edition, 2005*

LISTEN
10.10.11.10

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 103:8-13

Chuck Hobbie

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Four Hundred and Ninety Times?

Yena Hwang

We Respond to God's Word

*** HYMN 435**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

LEFT: We, the communion of saints, called from the entire human family, are united by God.

RIGHT: As the people of God, we love one another.

LEFT: We experience, practice, and pursue community with one another.

RIGHT: We give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another.

LEFT: We are a benefit and blessing to one another.

RIGHT: We share one faith and have one calling.

LEFT: We are one body, and are of one soul and mind.

RIGHT: We have one God and Father.

LEFT: We are filled with one Spirit.

RIGHT: We are baptized with one baptism.

LEFT: We eat of one bread and drink of one cup.

RIGHT: We confess one name and are obedient to one Lord.

LEFT: We work for one cause and share one hope.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Diane Maloney

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Chuck Hobbie

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session.

The full prayer list can be viewed by scanning the QR code at right.



Prayer requests can be sent to Pastors Yena and Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Diane Maloney

Please support the mission and ministry of the church with your financial contributions.

Offerings can be placed in the offering plate, mailed to the church office, given online through our secure giving portal (fcpc.breezechms.com/give/online), texted to give at 7037751355, or scanned using the QR code.



OFFERTORY

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Wesley (1810-1876)

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1989
MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1998
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Music Harm. © 1998 Hope Publishing Company

LASST UNS ERFREUEN
LM with alleluias
(alternate harmonization, 10)

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Diane Maloney

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

* HYMN 694

Great God of Every Blessing

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Yena Hwang

BENEDICTION

Into the Coming Days

Ruth Elaine Schram

POSTLUDE

Allegro in G Major

George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader

Chuck Hobbie

Ushers

Margo Thorning, Clay Warner

Audio/Video

Alex Hess

Sexton

Chuck Hobbie

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Steve Graff by his family.

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor. If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please visit www.fallschurchpresby.org.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Child care is available for **children up to age 4** in Room 201. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this time. For children **4 years old through grade 3**, Godly Play is offered in Room 59 following the Passing of the Peace.

Congregational Meeting today

Session has called a congregational meeting for Sept. 17, 2023, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC). The meeting will be held in the sanctuary and on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85628706440>
CNC candidates are Susan Beeman, Myra Bridgforth, Molly Good, Dawn Lenert, and Clay Warner.

Fellowship Hour

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the congregational meeting to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Pastor Transition Notes

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) reports that the FCPC Ministry Discernment Profile—the document that describes FCPC to prospective pastor candidates—has been posted on the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) site of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The CLC is the denomination’s internet-based matching and referral system by which all parties must register their interest in FCPC’s call process. Our posting is now official, and expressions of interest can and are being received. The PNC’s work now enters a phase of complete confidentiality.

Members of the PNC are Scott Armstrong and Anne Kusterbeck (co-chairs), Darryle Brown, Theresa Brown, Tom Bruce, Molly Good, and Victoria Lippincott. Please pray God’s blessing and grace on these sisters and brothers in Christ as they work to identify a nominee to serve as FCPC’s next senior pastor and please refrain from questioning them regarding this important work. These *Notes* will likely not publish again until the PNC has identified a candidate.

Sunday Spiritual Growth Opportunities

September 17

- **Waffle Church**, 9:30 a.m., Third Floor. Join us as we pray, play, and eat waffles together! This week’s theme (Genesis 1): “God’s Love Creates.” For all ages and abilities.
- **Youth Group Kickoff and Parent Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., Memorial Hall. We’ll kick off the program year with a taco bar dinner, some youth vs. parent games, and a parent meeting. For grades 6-12.

September 24

- **Matthew 25 Group**, 9:30 a.m., Library. Join as your schedule allows as we discuss *Notes of a Native Son*, by James Baldwin. Begins Sept. 24, meets weekly until Advent.
- **Youth Sunday School**, 9:30 a.m., Third Floor. Using videos from the Bible Project, we’ll discuss particular Bible stories and what they mean to us and our lives. Breakfast snacks included. For grades 6-12.

Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, “working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.”

The Rev. Yena Hwang, Transitional Pastor

The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement

Dr. Don Armstrong, Director of Music

Dr. Lisa Bloy, Organist

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